Self Sufficiency in oil production

*312. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to attain self-sufficiency in oil production; and

(b) by when this goal is expected to be attained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Some of the steps proposed to increase the production of crude oil are:—

(1) Intensification of exploration which may eventually lead to enhanced production.

(2) Intensification of work-over operations.

(3) Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

(4) Induction of advanced technology.

(b) Exploration for oil is highly probablistic in nature and it is not possible to indicate with certitude when self-sufficiency would be achived.

Shortage of power in the States

*313. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of power in some States;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when this shortage would be removed;

(c) what are the reasons for the frequent failure or break-down of power in those States; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The States which had energy shortage of over 10 per cent during April, 1985 to February, 1986 are Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Bihar and Orissa. Subject to availability of funds, the sitution will be considerably ameliorated during the next 4 to 5 years.

(c) To contain the demand within the overall availability, the States have to resort to power cuts/load restrictions which result in stoppage of supply to consumers as per schedules drawn up by the State Authorities.

(d) Various measures have been taken by Government to augment the availability of power which include commissioning of additional capacity, installation of short gestation projects, better utilisation of existing capacity, reduction in transmission and distribution losses.

Production of telephone equipments etc.

@*313-A. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the types and the number of telephone instruments and other equipments manufactured by the ITI and other industries for use in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that production of these items is far below the requirement; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to expand the production of these items including the opening of new factories with their location etc., if any?

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